(c) It is for the State Governments/Union Territory Administration to set up these Courts and the State Governments have been reminded from time to time emphasising the need to set up family courts expeditiously.

Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

*2. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the recent trouble in the Heavy Engineering Corporation unit at Ranchi;

(b) whether the official union had betrayed the workers in a recent agreement which includes retrenchment of over 6000 hands; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to intervene in order to ensure peace in the unit?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The reasons for the recent strike and lock-out in Heavy Engineering Corporation are multiplicity of Unions, inter-union and intra-union rivalries and involvement of outside elements.

(b) and (c) There was no betrayal of workers nor any provision regarding retrenchment. Further discussions held on 24.7.87 led to amicable settlement and lock-out has been slifted with immediate effect.

Retention of DPCO measures

*3. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has provided under Para 5.4 of the measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India that accruals into Drugs Prices Equalisation Account would be protected and used for the same purpose as mentioned in the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) what is the purpose provided for using DPEA under DPCO, 1979;

(c) whether his Ministry is proposing to retain the same purpose under the new measures; and

(d) if so, under what provision of the new measures?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the provisions of the DPCO, 1979, the amount credited to the DPEA is to be spent only:

(i) for paying to the manufacturer, importer or distributor, as the case may be, the shortfall between his retention price and the common selling price or the pooled price as the case may be for the purpose of increasing production or securing the equitable distribution and avaliability at fair prices, of drugs.

(ii) for expenses incurred by the Government for discharging the functions under paragraph 17 of the DPCO, 1979.

(c) and (d) Under the new measures, it has been decided to discontinue the system of retention and pooled pricing. Protection for indigenous production of bulk drugs, wherever necessary, would be provided through tariff mechanism. Provision would be made in the new Drug Prices Control Order to ensure that amounts which have already accrued to the DPEA and those which are likely to accrue as a result of action in the past are protected and used for the purpose stipulated in the existing DPCO, 1979.